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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I want to thank you on behalf of the Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the Tuesday morning current intelligence briefings the Central Intelligence Agency provides the Committee.

These valuable briefings have become a regular part of the Members' efforts to keep abreast of fact-breaking events around the world.

They also provide a useful forum for the Members of the Intelligence Committee to let the CIA know what we are interested in.

I want to particularly thank Mr. Helgerson, the current Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence, and his predecessor, Mr. Kerr, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, for their briefings; and I also want to express my thanks to the Associate Deputy Director for Operations and his predecessor, for their contributions on matters lying within the purview of the Operations Directorate.

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I know there are many who work behind the scenes preparing the briefings for those gentlemen, and I hope you will express to them my appreciation for their efforts.

With best wishes, I am

Lee H. Hamilton

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